



## Pre-conference meeting – policy paper

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# Main objectives

## Awareness-raising

- Highlight key issues
- Invitation to action for the general public – share/collaborate

## Advocacy

- FRH and members
- Provide recommendations to EU institutions ( EU Parliament, EU Commission)
- Provide support for stakeholders and heritage caretakers

# Policy paper process



- a) Input collected from FRH conference speakers**
- b) Input collected from FRH members (F2F meeting)**
- c) Key takeaways from conference included in paper**
- d) Final revision/proofreading by FRH Council and Committees**

# Policy paper overview 1/5

## Key threats

- Climate crisis
- Threats to minority religious heritage
- War and military threats
- Secularisation/no use anymore

## Possible solutions

- Sustainable care
- Adaptive reuse (EU paper/ICOMOS?)
- Sustainable urban development / urban recovery

## Benefits

- Religious heritage reflects Europe
- Special heritage, often in traditional use
- Contribution to society
- Social Inclusivity as concept under shared knowledge and community involvement

# Policy paper overview 2/5

## Who can contribute to the sustainability of Religious Heritage?

- Networks, organisations
- Municipalities
- Local communities
- Local businesses
- Heritage communities including monuments preservationists, architects etc.
- Religious communities (local, national levels)
- Public institutions, states
- EU through funding

# Policy paper overview 3/5

## Cultural and spiritual sustainability

- Social sustainability, resilience
- Present diversity and common values
- Utmost sensibility with adaptive reuse
- Culturally Conscious' decision-making for adaptive reuse, along with the sensibility point
- Educational approach, prevent over-simplifications during promotion

# Policy paper overview 4/5

## **Best practices – sustainable management and environmentally- friendly maintenance**

- Integrate cultural heritage into environmental sustainability policy
- Renovations and interventions carried out with involvement of the local community
- Facilitate accessibility

For Policy Paper rely on Papers from other organization, ICCROM etc.

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## Community involvement

- Communities involved in whole process, responsibility and decision-making
- Make people aware of their heritage
- Tie religious heritage to environmental issues
- Diverse communities and particular communities (rely for instance on FARO convention)



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## Education / Young generations

- Responsibility
- From generation to generation – continuation is sustainability
- Sharing knowledge
- Youth Involvement
- Diverse educational organizations (higher education, adult education etc.) and target groups

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